HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 545 By Westmoreland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Jeanette Blazier for her meritorious service and upon her receipt of the Distinguished Leadership Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, Jeanette Blazier, Director of Kingsport Tomorrow is one such remarkable public servant and a voice of integrity in Kingsport; she received the Distinguished Leadership Award from the National Association for Community Leadership (COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP) in 1997; and

WHEREAS, COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP is an organization dedicated to improving the quality of living in communities through leadership training; the organization rewards individuals who have shown themselves to be true leaders in the community, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blazier is the first female to chair the Board of Trustees of Carson-Newman College and also serves as president of the Alumni Executive Committee for Carson-Newman College; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Kingsport, Jeanette Blazier has served Kingsport for over 20 years in various arenas, including being a member or advisor on councils such as Leadership Kingsport, the Junior League, the Arts Council, the Downtown Kingsport Association, Girls Incorporated, and CHILDREN of Tri-Cities; and

3000001

011880

30000001 *01188036*

WHEREAS, in addition to her job with Kingsport Tomorrow, she is very much active in the First Baptist Church of Kingsport, giving unselfishly of her time and talents; and

WHEREAS, through her role with Carson-Newman College she evidences her dedication to keeping private education affordable for students who would like to choose a Christian college environment; and

WHEREAS, throughout her excellent tenure as director of Kingsport Tomorrow, she has adhered to the common sense approach and has displayed the common touch in all endeavors, working well with old and young alike; and

WHEREAS, a concerned person whose willingness to help those in need knows no bounds, Jeanette Blazier is highly regarded as a professional and friend in Kingsport and is as dependable and honest as the day is long; and

WHEREAS, Jeanette Blazier has served the Kingsport community for 20 years through her meritorious involvement in church, civic, and charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, Jeanette Blazier is the perfect example of a person totally committed to family and the highest ideals of public service and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Jeanette Blazier for her meritorious service as Director of Kingsport Tomorrow and salute her commitment to equality.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

- 2 - *01188036*